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POLLUTION IN DAMAN GANGA RIVER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Daman Ganga river passing through the Nani Daman and Moti Daman and joining with Arabian sea is much polluted by the dirty hazardous industrial waste released by the chemical industries established at Vapi Town; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government against the defaulting industries and to check the rising pollution in Daman Ganga River?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) A study on water quality of river Daman Ganga carried out by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) reveals that the effluent of Vapi common effluent treatment plant (CETP) does not meet the stipulated standards.Effluent of distillery located in nearby area and untreated sewage of Daman town are the major sources of pollution of the river. The other findings of the study further indicate that the river stretch from Madhuban dam to Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) is clear, whereas the river stretch from GIDC to the confluence with sea i.e. down stream up to Damanganga bridge is polluted due to disposal of industrial waste water and domestic sewage of Vapi.

(b) To control the river pollution, small scale industries located in the Vapi industrial area are connected with CETP which is having a capacity of 55 million litres per day. Large and medium units have provided their own requisite pollution control facilities. Steps are taken through Gujarat State Pollution Control Board and GIDC Vapi to operate the CETP satisfactorily so as to meet the stipulated sandards. Vapi has also been identified as one of the problem areas and action points have been formulated which are being implemented through the concerned authorities.